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REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 21-26, 28, and 44 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 8, 15, 22, and 44 being independent claims. Claims 29-43 are cancelled herein. Claims 1, 8, 15, 22, and 44 are amended herein.

Based on the phone interview between Examiner Courson and Charles R. Matson, Patent Attorney, on March 11, 2004, claims 1, 8, 15, 22, and 44 are amended to reinstate the "whereby" clauses deleted in the previous Amendment.

In addition, Applicant hereby acknowledges that patentable weight is given to a bowling ball used in combination with the claimed device.

CONCLUSION

Based on the phone interview between Examiner Courson and Charles R. Matson, Patent Attorney, on March 11, 2004, the Amendments to claims 1, 8, 15, 22, and 44, and Applicant's acknowledgment, it is believed that claims 1-19, 21-26, 28, and 44 are in form for allowance, and such indication is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fees are due with respect to filing of this Amendment; however, if any application processing fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 04-1415.


Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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